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KIBITZ 15

Ref: MGKW-7976, 20 Feb 1951  
MGKA-36248, 20 Dec 1951

1. Paragraph 1, of MGKW-7976, refers to a memo of a staff member reporting alleged (1947) anti-American sentiments of KIBITZ-15 and a 1948 altercation in which KIBITZ-15 and some of his former comrades-in-arms were involved. KIBITZ-15 has explained this altercation by saying that it was caused by an "American informant" who, in a heated argument with several "highly decorated former German soldiers" (including KIBITZ-15) called the latter, war criminals. The so-called American informant refused to apologize and was then set upon by the ex-soldiers and beaten. The whole argument, according to KIBITZ 15, started with an intensive discussion over the "terrible" features of the Morgenthau ideals of the American Occupation. The conversation evidently became more and more anti-American and the "American informant" (ostensibly Kirner of MGKW-7976) defended the American viewpoint for which he was beaten up. Generally, KIBITZ-15's story coincides with that of referenced memo although we have had no opportunity to go into the letter to Switzerland part, nor into the Kirner-KIBITZ 15 court proceedings without tipping our hand too much.

2. From what can be discerned here, [ ] had questioned KIBITZ-15 on this matter on several occasions. Finally, KIBITZ-15 put in a report on it which emphasized not the fistcuffs with Kirner, but the fact that the occasion of the fight was the first and only time that he talked to a man who is allegedly a communist agent with a specific mission of "undermining the West".

3. The alleged communist agent and his mistress are the subjects of MGKA-36248, 20 December 1951. They live in KIBITZ-15's hometown. File checks with COS, ELS and CLS are negative. Because of the fact that KIBITZ-15's hometown is such a small dorf, it is believed that a full scale investigation might possibly injure him and thus our operation. Therefore, we are going to notify CLS of the allegation against the subjects of MGKA-36248 and have them ask for a very discreet investigation. Results of the EE trace on these two alleged communist agents // would also be appreciated.

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4. Your MGKW-7976, paragraph 2, stated that an attempt would be made to obtain from the Department of the Army, a copy, if available, of KIBITZ-15's Wehrmacht "201 file". From our records it appears that such a copy was never received here. As mentioned in your paragraph 2, of reference, there are some inconsistencies in KIBITZ-15's military record. Also, exact details of his specific military assignments during his 13-year military career would be a great aid in our assessment of his capabilities and potentialities in regard to his part in the KIBITZ Project. If you could forward a copy of KIBITZ-15's Wehrmacht "201 file" as soon as possible, it would be greatly appreciated. //

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